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#### SUMMARY

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A fifth propulsion stage incorporating a spherical rocket motor was added to the NASA Scout launch vehicle. This spherical rocket motor and its associated experiment envelope comprised the reentry vehicle which weighed 300 pounds prior to firing and provided an additional velocity increment of 5,000 fps. Measurements of heat transfer were obtained for a reentry velocity of 22,500 fps over an altitude range of 390,000 feet to 200,000 feet. During this reentry period, the penetration angle was -15° and the velocity package had a ballistic coefficient of approximately 150 lb/sq ft. Ablation measurements were obtained at velocities and altitudes that ranged from 22,000 fps at an altitude of approximately 180,000 feet to 4,200 fps at an altitude of approximately 60,000 feet.

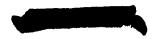
Heat-transfer measurements were obtained with the use of a thin-wall inconel calorimeter to which thermocouples were attached. Ablation measurements were obtained with the use of a Teflon nose cap in which ablation sensors were imbedded. The Teflon was exposed to the airstream when the inconel cap melted off. In addition to these primary measurements, the angular rates and linear accelerations were measured. Also, the received signal strength from the telemeter transmitters and the forward and reflected transmission line voltages were measured.

Dynamic motion data indicated that during the test period the flight payload underwent large variations in angles of attack. A technique was developed which enabled the prediction of the heating with angle of attack. The predicted Teflon ablation at the center of the nose, when corrected for angle of attack, was 0.185 inch as compared with a predicted value of 0.1877 inch. The reentry blackout boundaries were determined from the changes in signal strength and the associated loss in the performance of the antennas.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Langley Research Center is currently conducting flight investigations at supercircular velocities for the purpose of advancing the state of the art

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of manned lunar technology with special emphasis on the problems of heating and thermal protection. The investigations will provide checks for the accuracy of analytical procedures and also assist the user in the interpretation of results obtained in ground research facilities where the models used are generally small, the velocities generally lower, and the test environment does not duplicate that encountered during reentry at supercircular velocities.

As an initial step in this investigation, a velocity package which incorporated a spherical rocket motor was added to the NASA Scout launch vehicle. The overall vehicle, known as the five-stage reentry Scout, is capable of launching relatively large payloads to supercircular reentry velocities and has a wide range of altitude and penetration angle. For the present flight, the velocity package, which weighed approximately 300 pounds, increased the maximum velocity capability for this Scout model to 26,500 fps.

The planned and actual impact location of the velocity package was near enough to Bermuda to permit use of radar at Bermuda, optical tracking equipment, and ground-based telemeter stations. Radio-telephone links between the launch site at the NASA Wallops Station and the Bermuda stations provided satisfactory means of communication and coordination.

The primary measurements, heat transfer and ablation rates, were obtained in two phases. The heat-transfer measurements were obtained by using a thinwall inconel nose cap to which thermocouples were attached. The cap provided about 25 seconds of measurable temperature rise rates before melting. During this period the payload velocity was about 22,500 fps. The altitude ranged from approximately 400,000 feet to 200,000 feet.

The ablation measurements were obtained by using a Teflon nose cap in which ablation sensors were imbedded. The Teflon was exposed to the airstream when the inconel cap melted. During the ablation period, the payload velocity varied from about 22,000 fps to about 4,000 fps, and the altitude varied from approximately 180,000 feet to 60,000 feet.

In addition to these primary measurements, the angular rates and linear accelerations of the vehicle and payload were measured. The received signal strength from the telemeter transmitters and the forward and reflected transmission line voltages also were measured. These measurements indicated the telemeter blackout region boundaries for the flight test.

The purpose of this paper is to present the results and analysis of the heat-transfer and ablation measurements. Since analysis of the vehicle and payload dynamic motion data is beyond the scope of this paper, only the results directly pertinent to this paper are presented. The information on the black-out region is also presented, but these data should be considered as applicable strictly to this flight test.





# SYMBOLS

aı	longitudinal acceleration, g units
$\mathbf{a_n}$	normal acceleration, g units
at	transverse acceleration, g units
h	heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(sq ft)(sec)(OR)
ħ	integrated average heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/(sq ft)(sec)(OR)
· <sub>heff</sub>	effective heat of ablation, Btu/lb
. Н	enthalpy, Btu/lb
ı	ablated length, in.
М	free-stream Mach number
$\mathtt{N}_{\mathtt{Pr}}$	Prandtl number
q	heating rate, Btu/(sq ft)(sec)
$r_c$	radius of curvature of nose, ft
$r_{ t eff}$	effective radius
$r_{n}$	normal distance from center line to corner (fig. 16), ft
ន	distance measured from center of nose face along outside of skin, ft
T	temperature, <sup>O</sup> R
t	time, sec
V	velocity, fps
α	angle of attack, deg
β	stagnation velocity gradient
μ	viscosity, lb/ft-sec
ρ	density, lb/cu ft
ø	angle of rotation (sketch 1 in appendix), deg



#### Subscripts:

aero	aerodynamic
as	aerodynamic stagnation point
aw	adiabatic wall
F	flight
f	forebody
gc	geometric center point of nose face
hs	hemisphere
0	sea level
S	stagnation
w	wall
<b>∞</b>	free stream

#### DESCRIPTION OF PAYLOAD AND VEHICLE

#### Velocity Package

The velocity package was a blunt cone approximately 3 feet in length, having a blunt face with  $\,r_n/r_c$  = 1/3 and a 9° half-angle conical forebody. The major components of the velocity package were the inconel calorimeter cap, the Teflon nose cap, the Teflon covered conical afterbody, the telemetry container, and the 17-inch spherical rocket motor. Figure 1 shows the details of the velocity package configuration and the location of the major components. The velocity package is also referred to as the payload.

#### Inconel Calorimeter

A thin wall incomel calorimeter, 0.055 inch thick on the nose and 0.029 inch thick on the afterbody, was used to obtain heat-transfer measurements. The incomel cap was fastened to the front end of a magnesium sleeve. The rear end of the sleeve was threaded to the cylindrical portion of the Teflon nose cap. The magnesium sleeve also supported a frangible shield of aluminum-covered fiber glass located between the incomel and Teflon nose caps. The frangible shield and magnesium sleeve were designed to remain in place until the entire incomel cap melted off the nose. The frangible shield prevented the heated incomel from damaging the thermocouple leads extending from the incomel and also prevented the molten incomel from damaging the front face of the Teflon cap.

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#### Teflon Nose Cap

The Teflon nose cap, which became exposed to the airstream when the inconel cap melted, was machined from a single piece of Teflon and was backed, for additional strength, by a 1/8-inch-thick sheet of fiber glass that was bonded to the Teflon. The Teflon nose was threaded to a magnesium ring which in turn was threaded to the front end of the conical forebody.

#### Conical Forebody

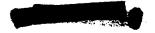
The conical forebody consisted of a magnesium substructure that was covered by a 0.3-inch-thick shield of Teflon material. The substructure was made up of three 0.06-inch-thick magnesium sections that were held together by two fiber glass rings. The forward and aft magnesium sections were used as antennas. The fiber glass rings served as electrical insulators for the antenna sections. A magnesium flange attached to the center magnesium section served as a holding flange for the telemeter canister. The velocity package was isolated from the rest of the vehicle by a third fiber glass ring fastened to the rear of the aft antenna section. This ring also had a machined flange to which the 17-inch rocket motor was attached. The entire substructure was assembled as a unit prior to being covered by Teflon. The Teflon, which does not attenuate the radio transmissions, was constructed as a single piece and bonded to the substructure with epoxylite cement.

#### Telemetry

The telemetry instrumentation in the velocity package was an FM/FM system of 14 standard Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG) subcarrier frequency data channels which modulated two separate radio-frequency (RF) carrier links to ground receiving stations. One RF link telemetered data as it occurred (real-time data transmission); the other RF link telemetered the same data but the transmission was delayed approximately 56 seconds by means of a continuous loop tape recorder onboard the velocity package.

Normally, only one transmission system is required but a study of the trajectory indicated that a period of radio blackout (ionization at the antennas) would occur; therefore, in order that the data not be lost during this blackout period, the data from the second RF link were delayed for a period of time greater than the blackout duration. Thus, an overlay of the real-time data from the two transmissions to the ground stations provided continuous data for the entire flight even though reception was lost during ionization.

One of the subcarrier channels was a coded timing system which insured that the real-time data were accurately located on both the direct and delayed ground station records. In addition, because of variations in the tape speed of the recorder, a compensating signal subcarrier channel was included. With this signal recorded on the flight tape, the tape playbacks automatically compensate for variations in the tape speed.





Seven of the subcarrier channels were utilized to provide continuous inflight measurements of the velocity package performance and attitude. The instruments consisted of three rate gyros (pitch, yaw, and roll) and four linear accelerometers (two longitudinal, one transverse, and one normal). Three of the channels, which were commutated, provided the thermocouple measurements. A fourth commutated channel provided the measurements of the ablation sensors. With the exception of the thermocouples and ablation sensors, the telemeter electronics and instruments were contained in a "sealed from the atmosphere" container.

#### Spherical Rocket Motor

The spherical rocket motor incorporated in the velocity package was a 17-inch-diameter Cetus-I. This motor has an internal nozzle constructed of graphite, an average thrust of approximately 860 pounds, and a burning time of approximately 43 seconds. The overall dimensions, the pertinent details, and . some performance values for the motor are given in figure 2. In the nomenclature of this report, this motor is called the fifth stage.

#### Adaptor Connecting Fourth and Fifth Stages

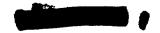
An adaptor or transition section was used to connect the thrust face of the Scout fourth stage to the fifth-stage motor nozzle. Some of the instrumentation used prior to fifth-stage ignition was housed in this adaptor section. A C-band radar beacon with antennas, fifth-stage ignition batteries, and some instrumentation batteries were among the items carried in this section. Figure 3 shows the pertinent details of this section and the layout of the included apparatus; figure 4 shows the assembled velocity package and adaptor. The weights of the various components of the velocity package and adaptor are given in table I.

#### Scout Booster System

The Scout booster system consists of four stages of solid-propellant rocket motors. The configuration details and nomenclature are given in figure 5. The system is capable of three basic types of trajectories: orbital, high-altitude near-vertical probes, and ballistic reentry. The present flight test utilized the ballistic reentry capability.

The first-stage motor, Algol, is 30 feet long, 40 inches in diameter, and develops 115,000 pounds of thrust. It is fin stabilized and controlled in flight by jet vanes and by aerodynamic controls on the fin tips. The launcher connections, umbilical checkout and launch firing cable connections, and the hydraulic control system for the fins and jet vanes are located at the base of this stage designated base A in figure 5.

The second-stage motor, Castor, is 20 feet long, 30 inches in diameter, and develops approximately 50,000 pounds of thrust. The second stage is connected





to the first stage by two coupled sections designated transition B. These sections contain a reaction control system for the vehicle, a device to separate the second stage from the first stage, and components for the destruct system.

The third-stage motor, Antares, is 10 feet long, 30 inches in diameter, and develops approximately 14,000 pounds of thrust. The third stage is connected to the second stage by two coupled sections designated transition C. The transition sections provide housing for the hydrogen peroxide reaction control motors, telemetry equipment, the destruct system, and a separation device.

The fourth-stage motor, Altair, is 6 feet long, 18 inches in diameter, and develops 3,000 pounds of thrust. The fourth stage is joined to the third stage by a section designated transition D. This transition section houses the guidance system, the main guidance controls, a separation device, and a spin-up system. The fourth stage is spin stabilized prior to firing; thus, no guidance or control system is required for this stage.

A jettisonable nose cone over the velocity package and heat shields over the third- and fourth-stage motors provided aerodynamic streamlining and acceptable temperature environment during the exit portion of the flight. Figure 6 shows the overall vehicle just prior to launch.

#### TRAJECTORY AND TRAJECTORY MEASUREMENTS

#### Trajectory

The vehicle was launched from the NASA Wallops Station at an azimuth of 129° and an elevation angle of approximately 81°. After first-stage burnout, the vehicle coasted to an altitude of 130,000 feet, at which time the second stage was ignited and the third-stage heat shield jettisoned. The vehicle coasted over apogee and upon reaching a flight-path angle of -6°, the third stage was ignited. Just prior to third-stage ignition, the fourth-stage heat shield was jettisoned. Some 22 seconds after third-stage burnout, the fourth stage was ignited. Prior to this event, the spin motors were ignited and the fourth stage and velocity package spun. Approximately 23 seconds after fourth-stage ignition, the fifth stage ignited. The fifth-stage ignition was some 16 seconds earlier than planned.

From the onboard instrumentation records, it was noted that the fourth-stage cut-off (as indicated by the thrust accelerometer) was followed by large rate gyro oscillations. These oscillations lasted for 2.2 seconds, at which time the fifth stage ignited. Studies made of these oscillations indicated that if a suddenly applied moment had occurred in a plane oriented midway between the pitch and yaw planes, oscillations such as those measured would have resulted. A moment, as described above, could have resulted from a rupture in the fourth-stage-motor case. Such a rupture would result in premature cut-off of the fourth-stage thrust.

The failure resulted in a maximum velocity approximately 4,000 fps lower than that anticipated. Furthermore, the oscillations initiated were not damped





out by the beginning of the data period. As a consequence, the payload reentry occurred at angles of attack ranging from  $10^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ}$ . Onboard instrumentation, however, was not adversely affected and the increased aerodynamic forces resulting from the high angles of attack were not great enough to cause damage to the spacecraft structure. Although the planned maximum velocity of 26,500 fps was not achieved, the primary objectives of heat-transfer and ablation measurements were successfully obtained at a reentry velocity of 22,500 fps.

#### Trajectory Measurements

The trajectory parameters were obtained from ground-based radar installations at both Wallops Island, Va., and Bermuda, from a ground-based optical tracking installation at Bermuda, and from a dynamic trajectory analysis developed at the Langley Research Center, which incorporated as inputs the telemeter measurements of angular rates and linear accelerations. The telemeter information was received by ground stations at Wallops Island and at Bermuda. In addition, telemetry receiving equipped ships were stationed along the 129° azimuth approximately 10 international nautical miles and 150 international nautical miles downrange of the preflight-calculated payload impact point.

The payload motion measurements which were used as inputs for the dynamic trajectory analysis are shown in figures 7 and 8. The gyro measurements are shown in figure 7. The linear accelerometer measurements, referenced to the payload center of gravity, are shown in figure 8. Figures 7 and 8 cover the time period from fifth-stage burnout to the end of the data period, t = 460 seconds.

The optical tracking installation at the Bermuda station used a ballistic camera with a 6-inch-diameter f/5.6 lens. Time histories of the payload azimuth and elevation (relative to the optical tracking site) were obtained by this equipment. Although these measurements in themselves did not provide a trajectory, they enabled, along with some of the radar tracking data, a fix for the trajectory computed by the dynamic trajectory analysis. The closeness of this fix is indicated by figure 9. The optical tracking measurements of azimuth as a function of flight time are shown as the circular symbols in figure 9(a). The measurements of elevation as a function of flight time are shown as the square symbols in figure 9(b). The solid-line curves which were computed from the dynamic trajectory analysis fit the data closely.

Figure 10 shows the altitude-range measurements and calculations from lift-off to splash. The Wallops FPS-16 radar provided coverage from lift-off to the fourth-stage ignition. This coverage was assisted by a C-band beacon, located in transition D, which operated until the fourth stage separated from the third stage. The Bermuda FPS-16 radar provided coverage from about 8 seconds after third-stage burnout until fifth-stage ignition. After fifth-stage ignition, the Bermuda FPS-16 radar tracked the burned-out fourth stage. The Bermuda FPS-16 radar was also assisted by a C-band beacon located on the adaptor connecting the fourth and fifth stages. This adaptor was fixed to the fourth stage. The Wallops SPANDAR provided coverage (skin tracked) for about 37 seconds after fourth-stage ignition. However, the SPANDAR data are questionable





because of the low signal-to-noise ratio. The results of the dynamic trajectory analysis are shown as the solid-line curve. The preflight-calculated trajectory from lift-off to fourth-stage ignition is shown as the dashed-line curve.

The altitude and velocity time histories are shown in figures 11 and 12, respectively. For the portion of the trajectory up to fourth-stage ignition, the values of velocity were obtained from differentiation of the tracking data. After fourth-stage ignition, the values of velocity and altitude and the flight-path angles were computed from the dynamic trajectory analysis. For comparison, the preflight-calculated trajectory from lift-off to fourth-stage ignition is shown as a dashed line in figures 11 and 12.

#### TEST REGIME AND ENVIRONMENT

Figure 13 shows the variation of altitude with velocity for the flight test regime. The heat-transfer-data period denotes the regime during which the inconel calorimeter experienced measurable temperature rise rates. The velocity during this period changed from 21,050 fps at t=410 seconds to 22,338 fps at t=435 seconds for altitudes of 389,350 feet and 199,919 feet, respectively. During the period t=435 seconds to t=438 seconds, the inconel calorimeter cap was being melted.

The ablation test period denotes the regime during which the Teflon nose cap was exposed and undergoing ablation. The velocity during this period changed from 22,222 fps at t = 438 seconds to 4,204 fps at t = 460 seconds for altitudes of 176,648 feet and 57,825 feet, respectively.

Density-altitude and temperature-altitude measurements from sea level to an altitude of 94,000 feet were obtained by a radiosonde balloon. Density-altitude measurements from 120,000 feet to 210,000 feet were obtained by an Arcas sounding rocket. Both the radiosonde and Arcas were launched from Bermuda sites.

Figure 14 shows the free-stream density variation for the test altitudes. The square symbols are the measurements obtained with the radiosonde, and the circular symbols are the measurements obtained with the Arcas. The solid line represents the 1962 U.S. standard atmosphere (ref. 1). The dashed line indicates the fairing and assumed extrapolation of the measurements.

Figure 15 shows the free-stream temperature variation with the test altitudes. The square symbols are the radiosonde measurements, and the circular symbols are the values derived from the Arcas density measurements. The method used is described in reference 2. The 1962 U.S. standard atmosphere is shown as the solid line. The derived temperatures are only slightly less than the standard values and exhibit essentially the same trend.





### TEMPERATURE AND ABLATION MEASUREMENTS

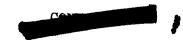
#### Temperature Measurements

Figure 16 shows the overall dimensions of the inconel cap, the thermocouple locations, and the inconel thickness at the thermocouple locations. The surface of the nose cap was polished to 5 microinches as determined from measurements made with an interference microscope. Nineteen thermocouples of No. 30 chromelalumel wire were attached to the cap, and the two wires of each thermocouple were individually spot welded to the inside surface of the inconel cap. During flight, three standard voltages were commutated along with the thermocouples; these voltages were chosen to be equivalent to the lowest, middle, and highest temperatures that the inconel skin was expected to reach. This procedure enabled in-flight calibration of the temperature measuring system. The 19 thermocouples were recorded over two telemeter channels; one channel enabled 5 readings per second at each thermocouple station and the other, 10 readings per second at each station.

Temperature data were obtained from 15 of the 19 thermocouples attached to the inside surface of the inconel calorimeter. Thermocouples 12 and 18 were "open" prior to flight, and thermocouples 11 and 16 were inoperative. (See fig. 16 for location of thermocouples.) The temperature measurements for the inside surface of the inconel calorimeter are given in table II and a typical temperature time history is shown in figure 17. The technique for the derivation of heating rates used in this paper requires that the raw temperature data be smoothed or faired. From the smoothed inside values the outside surface temperature is then computed. Figures 18(a), 18(b), and 18(c) show the computed outside surface temperatures along the inconel nose face, corners, and afterbody, respectively. Temperature rise rates were obtained from t = 410 seconds to about t = 435 seconds. The last point for a thermocouple corresponds to the time that that thermocouple opened. The individual thermocouples within a grouping are consistent as to temperature levels and rise rates. Also, the temperature levels and rise rates of the afterbody grouping are substantially. less than corresponding time values of the face and corners groupings.

In figure 19, the readings of a typical thermocouple (thermocouple 7) are shown from t=412 seconds to t=452 seconds. A temperature rise is indicated until t=432 seconds at which time the thermocouple opens. The thermocouple remains open until approximately t=436 seconds, at which time relatively high temperature readings are recorded by the thermocouple. The period of high temperature readings lasts until approximately t=447 seconds. At this time, which is also the time radio blackout ends, the thermocouple reads open again, and continues to read open for the remainder of the flight.

The apparent anomaly, of an open thermocouple measuring high temperatures, occurred because the thermocouple wires, were exposed to an ionized air layer when the inconel cap melted off. Although the individual wires of each of the thermocouples were separated, the ionized air acted as a shunt between them, effectively creating a thermocouple junction. At  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ 7 seconds, ionization ended; consequently, the wires were no longer shunted and the thermocouples





read open again. Since all the thermocouples exhibited the shunt effect between t=436 and t=437 seconds, it is believed that the inconel cap melted off during this period, and that the first open indications were due to failure of the wires at the junctions and not to the cap coming off.

#### Ablation Measurements

Figure 20 shows the locations of the ablation sensors. The sensors were mounted so that their longitudinal axes were perpendicular to the blunted face. Details as to the design, construction, and calibration techniques are given in reference 3. The components of the sensor are shown in figure 21. These same type sensors were also used, with very good results, in a free-flight investigation at somewhat lower speeds (ref. 4). The five sensors and three standard frequencies were commutated in sequence as inputs to a capacitance sensitive subcarrier oscillator. Since the length changes of the sensors are recorded as frequencies, the standards enabled in-flight calibration of the ablation measuring system. Each sensor was recorded five times per second during flight.

The sensors were expected to provide in-flight measurements of the rate of length change of the Teflon. With the exception of sensor 1 which became defective prior to the flight, valid initial and final length measurements were obtained. Unfortunately, no length measurements were obtained during the period of Teflon ablation. Typical of the measurements obtained are those shown in figure 22. The values shown are for sensor 2 but are essentially of the same level and trend as the values for the other sensors. The measurements cover the period from t=420 to t=480 seconds, the times were chosen in order to show readings after ablation ends. No readings were obtained from approximately t=439 to t=457 seconds. Starting at t=457 seconds, readings are obtained which indicate that the sensor is undergoing a rapid change in length. This period of apparent rapid change in length lasts for approximately 3 seconds, after which the readings are essentially constant.

Since the indicated results were not understandable, a test check was made of a sensor similar to those used in the flight test. A variable resistance was placed in parallel with the sensor. The varying impedance values were indicated as frequency levels by the oscillator. This circuit is the electrical analogy of an ablation sensor, the ablating surface of which is exposed to the air. By changing the shunt resistance, varying degrees of air ionization were simulated. A schematic diagram of the circuit and the results obtained in the investigation are shown in figure 23. The impedance changes have been shown as indicated capacitance of the sensor.

For very high shunt resistances, analogous to little or no ionization, the oscillator output was essentially unchanged. As the shunt resistance was decreased, analogous to increasing air ionization, the indicated capacitance values increased above the sensor initial value of approximately 430 micromicrofarads. For a shunt resistance of approximately 5,000,000 ohms, the oscillator output is approximately 530 micromicrofarads. This capacitance value was the upper limit of the present capacitance recording range of the flight test telemetry system. Thus, if the degree of air ionization was of a level corresponding





to shunt resistances less than 5,000,000 ohms, the oscillator outputs should have been offscale and hence not recorded.

The results shown in figure 23 explain the inconsistencies of the measurements shown in figure 22. The reason no sensor measurements were recorded from the time of Teflon nose cap exposure until t=457 seconds was that the shunt resistance level of the ionized air was less than 5,000,000 ohms and the oscillator readings were offscale. The rapid length change indicated by the measurements during the period from t=457 to t=460 seconds was because the shunt resistance level of the ionized air, although high enough (above 5,000,000 ohms) to allow onscale oscillator readings, was still low enough to appreciably affect the oscillator readings.

As a check on the results indicated by the circuit shown in figure 23, several tests were made in an arc-heated air jet. The tests were made with the use of a resistance-capacitance (R-C) oscillator such as used in the circuit shown in figure 23 and the present flight test, and also an inductance-capacitance (L-C) oscillator as was used in the flight test of reference 4. Offscale results were obtained with the R-C oscillator but not with the L-C oscillator, indicating that the sensors are capable of giving accurate measurements in ionized air.

Although the sensor measurements were affected by the ionized air until t=460 seconds, the thermocouples were not affected after t=447 seconds. The lesser degree of sensitivity of the thermocouple to ionized air was probably due to the thermocouple wire having a resistance of 10,000 ohms. Thus, a higher degree of air ionization would be required to shunt the thermocouples since the shunt resistance would have to be less than 10,000 ohms as compared to 5,000,000 ohms for the sensors.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### General

The time histories of the heating rates q along the inconel nose face, corners, and forebody are shown in figures 24(a), 24(b), and 24(c), respectively. The values of q were derived from the temperatures shown in figure 19, with the use of the one-dimensional heat-flow analysis of reference 5. Briefly, the analysis provides computed points of outside wall temperature at equal time increments. The time increment depends on the thermal capacity of the skin and the heating rate level and was 0.25 second for the present investigation. The computed outside temperature values were used to determine the net heat input values. The values of q shown in figure 24 are the net heat input values corrected for radiation from the inconel surface by assuming a surface emissivity of 0.7. Computations showed that conduction effects along the inconel skin were negligible. Figure 25 is a crossplot of the data presented in figure 24 for t = 422, 426, and 430 seconds.





From figure 25 the heating rates along the face, for the different thermocouple locations, are very nearly equal in numerical value. The four corner locations exhibit essentially the same heating-rate values as the face locations. The forebody locations indicate heating levels that, for corresponding times, are appreciably less than those shown by the face and corner locations.

Evaluation of the dynamic motion data indicated that during the heating period the spinning flight payload underwent large variations in angle of attack. Figure 26 shows these variations with flight time. In the appendix of this paper a technique is described, the use of which enables the determination of the effect of angle of attack on heating rates. The technique makes use of heat-transfer results obtained from wind-tunnel tests of scale models of the flight payload. These tests were conducted at Mach numbers of 5.96 and 9.6 and at angles of attack up to 30° (ref. 6). Although the tunnel models were not spinning, use of the integrated average of the circumferential heating distribution was assumed to yield the same results as a high spin rate.

#### Stagnation Heat Transfer

Unfortunately, the data obtained from the nose faces of the tunnel models were not adequate for the determination of the effect of angle of attack on heating rates at all locations on the flight payload blunt face. However, the tunnel data did provide the variation of the heating at the geometric center of the nose face with angle of attack as shown in figure 27. These results are also discussed in the appendix. This information enabled the converting of the flight geometric center point measurements to geometric center point values for  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$ .

The blunt flight nose data were adjusted as follows to correspond to the analytical predictions which pertain to hemispherical nose shapes. The equivalent hemispherical nose radius  $r_{\mbox{eff}}$  of the blunt flight nose shape was calculated from the relation

$$r_{eff} = r_n \frac{\beta_{hs}}{\beta_F}$$

where  $r_n$  is the normal distance from the center line to the corner of the flight nose configuration. The  $\beta_{hs}$  and  $\beta_{F}$  terms are the stagnation velocity gradients corresponding to a hemisphere and to the flight nose, respectively. The Newtonian numerical value was used for  $\beta_{hs}$ , whereas the numerical value of  $\beta_{F}$  was derived from surface pressure measurements obtained from small-scale models tested in the tunnel at M = 5.96 and M = 9.60 (ref. 6). The numerical value of  $r_{eff}$  was determined to be 1.131 feet. The converted results are shown in figure 28 as the variation of the geometric center point heating-rate parameter



$$\frac{\left(\text{q}_{\text{gc}}\right)_{\alpha=0}\sqrt{\text{r}_{\text{eff}}}}{\text{l}-\frac{\text{H}_{\text{W}}}{\text{H}_{\text{S}}}}$$

with the density-velocity parameter

$$\left(\frac{\rho_{\infty}}{\rho_{o}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{v_{\infty}}{10^{14}}\right)^{3}$$

The flight data are for a free-stream velocity of about 22,500 fps and an altitude range of approximately 300,000 to 200,000 feet. The solid line represents values computed from the empirical relationship of reference 7. This relationship may be expressed as

$$\frac{q_{as}\sqrt{r_n}}{1 - \frac{H_w}{H_s}} = 17,600 \left(\frac{\rho_{\infty}}{\rho_{o}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{V_{\infty}}{25,900}\right)^{3.15} \left[\frac{H_s}{H_s - (H_w)_{540^{\circ} R}}\right]$$

The values from reference 7 vary nearly linearly with the density-velocity parameter as indicated by the solid-line curve which is a fairing of computed values. With the exception of the last datum point, the converted flight measurements also exhibit a linear trend but of slightly higher slope than the computations of reference 7.

Of interest is the comparison of the present flight test results with a relationship developed from basically theoretical considerations. Such a relationship is that of reference 8, which may be expressed as

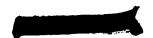
$$\frac{q_{\rm as}\sqrt{r_{\rm n}}}{1 - \frac{H_{\rm w}}{H_{\rm s}}} = 0.767 N_{\rm Pr}^{-0.6} H_{\rm s} (\rho_{\rm s} \mu_{\rm s})^{0.5} \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm w} \mu_{\rm w}}{\rho_{\rm s} \mu_{\rm s}}\right)^{0.07} (\beta_{\rm hs} r_{\rm n})^{0.5}$$

The dashed line represents values computed from the relationship of reference 8. In computing these values, the real gas properties were read from a Mollier diagram for equilibrium air (ref. 9), and the transport properties were taken from reference 10. The values from reference 8 also vary linearly with the density-velocity parameter as indicated by the dashed line which is the fairing of the computations. Throughout the data range, the values of reference 8 are 15 to 20 percent lower than the converted flight values.

#### Forebody Heat Transfer

In addition to providing the variation of the heating with angle of attack at the geometric center point, the tunnel results at M = 9.6 also provided





sufficient data to evaluate the effects of angle of attack at  $\[s/r_n = 2.1.\]$  The integrated average forebody heating for this location, normalized with respect to the geometric center point, as a function of angle of attack is shown in figure 29. The procedure for obtaining this curve is given in the appendix. Applying the variation shown in figure 29 to the angle-of-attack history shown in figure 26 results in the oscillating dashed-line curve shown in figure 30. The results are shown as the forebody heating rates, normalized with respect to the geometric center point heating rates, as a function of flight time. The solid-line curve is the integrated average of the dashed-line variation; the circular symbols are the flight derived measurements. The integrated average variation agrees closely with the flight measurements, and the oscillatory behavior with angle of attack resulted in a heating level on the afterbody of approximately twice that for zero angle-of-attack flight (ref. 6).

The flight measurements in ratio form are compared with an integrated average of the predicted ones from wind-tunnel tests. This was necessitated by the nature of the calorimeter-thermocouple measuring technique employed in the experiment. The calorimeter, by virtue of its heat capacity, tends to make no discrimination between a high frequency variation in heating rates and a constant heating rate whose magnitude is equal to the average heating rate over one of the high frequency cycles. Added to this is the fact that the flight thermocouple data were faired in order to compute the heating rates.

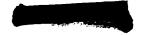
#### Ablation

The computed ablated length  $\,l\,$  as a function of flight time for the geometric stagnation point is shown in figure 31. The values were computed from the relationship

$$l = \frac{12}{\rho} \int_{t} \left( \frac{q_{gc}}{h_{eff}} \right) dt$$

where  $\rho$  is the Teflon specific density and  $q_{\tt gc}$  and  $h_{\tt eff}$  are the geometric stagnation point heating rate and Teflon effective heat of ablation, respectively.

The values of  $h_{\rm eff}$  and  $q_{\rm gc}$  used are shown in figure 32(a). The values of  $h_{\rm eff}$  were obtained by using the quasi-steady-state analysis of reference 11. The relationship from reference 7 was used to obtain the aerodynamic stagnation point heating rates. Since the flight payload was still undergoing variations in angle of attack, the computed aerodynamic heating rates were corrected to give the variation of the heating at the geometric center of the nose face. The correction ratios  $q_{\rm gc}/(q_{\rm gc})_{\alpha=0}$  shown in figure 32(b) were obtained by the procedure described in the appendix. The computed values of l ranged from 0 at t=438 seconds, assumed start of ablation, to l=0.1877 inch at t=459 seconds at which time the computed value of  $q_{\rm gc}$  becomes zero and ablation ends.





As was previously mentioned only measurements of total length changes (key of fig. 31) were obtained during flight; thus, a direct comparison with the computed variation of l cannot be made. However, the total length change at the geometric stagnation point may be compared with the value of l at t=459 seconds. The measured geometric stagnation point value (sensor 3) is 0.185 inch as compared with a computed value of 0.1877 inch.

#### Blackout

The flight payload telemetry signals were blacked out during a portion of the reentry due to the formation of a plasma in the shock layer. This blackout resulted from absorption and reflection of the electromagnetic energy by the plasma layer. (See ref. 12.) Figure 33 shows the time histories of the received signal strength at the Bermuda tracking station. Figure 34 shows the time histories of the voltage standing-wave ratios (VSWR) for the payload antennas. Real-time data loss resulted from the drop in signal strength during the period from 425 seconds to 450 seconds after launch. During this period the increase in VSWR indicates an associated loss in antenna performance.

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

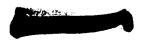
Measurements of heat transfer were obtained for reentry velocities up to 22,500 fps. The altitudes ranged from 390,000 to 200,000 feet. During this reentry period the penetration angle was -15°. The payload ballistic coefficient was approximately 150 lb/sq ft. The velocities during the ablation test period ranged from 22,000 fps at an altitude of 180,000 feet to 4,200 fps at an altitude of 60,000 feet.

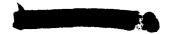
During the heat-transfer period the payload underwent variations in angle-of-attack ranging from 10° to 40°. During the ablation period, the angle of attack varied from 2° to 20°. The angle-of-attack effects were evaluated through use of heat-transfer results obtained from wind-tunnel tests of scale models of the flight payload.

The three-dimensional stagnation point heating rates derived from the flight measurements were slightly higher than values computed from the empirical relationship of reference 7, and about 15 to 20 percent higher than values computed from the analysis of reference 8.

The heating rates measured on the forebody of the spinning payload were in good agreement with predictions based on the results of stationary model wind-tunnel measurements.

The predicted Teflon ablation was computed with the use of the quasi-steady-state effective heats of ablation given in reference 11. The heating rates were computed from the relationship of reference 7 and were adjusted for the angle-of-attack variation. The predicted value of ablated length was 0.1877 inch whereas the measured value was 0.185 inch.

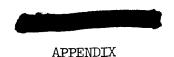




The received signal strength from the telemeter transmitters and the forward and reflected transmission line voltage measurements delineated the reentry blackout boundaries for the present investigation.

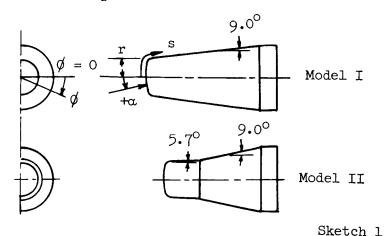
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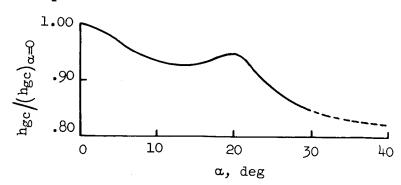
#### STAGNATION POINT AND FOREBODY HEAT-TRANSFER ANALYSIS

The technique described in this appendix was used in the analysis of the stagnation point and afterbody heating. The technique makes use of the results of a series of wind-tunnel tests which were made prior to the actual flight. The wind-tunnel tests were conducted at Mach numbers of 5.96 and 9.6 for two configurations similar to the Scout payload configuration (sketch 1). Data were obtained at angles of attack from  $0^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$  and at angles of rotation from  $+90^{\circ}$  (windward ray) to  $-90^{\circ}$  (leeward ray) for locations on the nose face and along the forebody and have been published in reference 6.



Stagnation Point

Since test conditions remained constant during all runs, the measured value of the heat-transfer coefficient at the geometric center of the nose at zero angle of attack  $(h_{gc})_{\alpha=0}$  was taken as a reference value of aerodynamic heat-transfer coefficient. A plot of measured values of the ratio  $h_{gc}$  to  $(h_{gc})_{\alpha=0}$  as a function of angle of attack extrapolated to  $40^{\circ}$  is shown in sketch 2. This curve also applies to a spinning body in which the spin axis passes through the geometric center point.

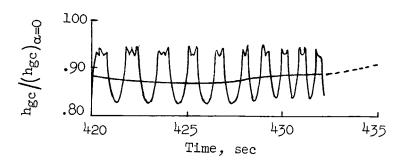


Sketch 2





By applying the angle-of-attack variation of  $h_{gc}/(h_{gc})_{\alpha=0}$  shown in sketch 2 to the actual angle-of-attack time history (fig. 26), a time history of  $h_{gc}/(h_{gc})_{\alpha=0}$  was obtained as shown in sketch 3. Examination of the thermal

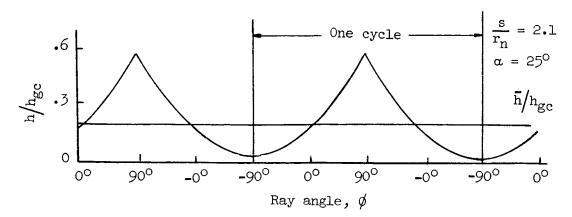


Sketch 3

capacitance and rates of oscillation indicates that the calorimeter cap was not sufficiently sensitive to record these high rate variations. Therefore, to simulate the actual behavior of the measuring devices, the time variation of  $h_{\rm gc}/(h_{\rm gc})_{\alpha=0}$  was integrated and averaged over small intervals. The resulting time history of average integrated values of  $h_{\rm gc}/(h_{\rm gc})_{\alpha=0}$  is given by the solid line in sketch 3. The dashed line represents an approximate extrapolation since the accelerometer and gyro data in this region are in doubt.

#### Forebody

In contrast to the wind-tunnel models, the flight model was undergoing spinning motions and severe angle-of-attack changes. In order to analyze the effects of spinning on the heating to the forebody of the model, plots were made of the circumferential heating distribution for each angle of attack at which wind-tunnel data were taken. A typical distribution is shown in sketch 4.



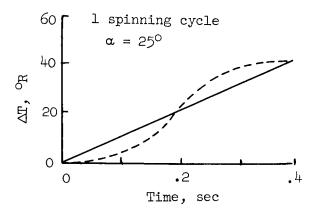
Sketch 4



The ordinate represents the ratio of local heat-transfer coefficient of a point on the periphery to the heat-transfer coefficient at the geometric center of the nose. The abscissa is the angle of rotation  $\phi$ ; 90° representing the windward position and -90° the leeward position.

From the characteristics of the heat path, the sampling rates and the spin rate (approximately 2.5 revolutions/sec) of the flight model, the flight data could not be expected to show the variation in heating rates caused by the rotation of the model. Therefore, as a net effect, the skin of the flight model was assumed to act so as to integrate the variation. To simulate this effect, the circumferential heating curves were integrated and an average value found. The average value for  $\alpha=25^{\circ}$  is shown in sketch 4 as  $\bar{h}/h_{\rm gc}$ .

As a check on the error caused by this assumption, a temperature-response curve was plotted. For this comparison, the ratio  $h/h_{\rm gc}$  was taken to be equal to  $q/q_{\rm gc}$ . An arbitrary value of  $q_{\rm gc}=80$  Btu/(sq ft)(sec) was assumed and the time interval for the plot was chosen as 0.4 second, the approximate period of the actual spinning motions. The resulting plot is shown in sketch 5.

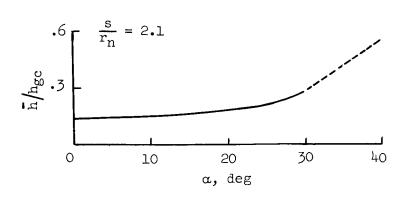


Sketch 5

The dashed line represents the temperature response computed when the values of  $h/h_{gc}$  are used and the solid line, when the integrated average value  $h/h_{gc}$  is used. The maximum discrepancy is on the order of  $6^{\circ}$  R.

Sketch 6 shows the variation of  $h/h_{gc}$  with angle of attack; again, the curve has been extraploated from  $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$  to  $40^{\circ}$ .

The relationship between average heat-transfer coefficient and angle of attack was then applied to the angle-of-attack time history (fig. 26). Once again, the assumption was made that  $h/h_{gc}$  was equivalent



Sketch 6



to  $q/q_{gc}$  in order to compare the results predicted by this method with the actual flight measurements. The results are presented in figure 30.

The calorimeter measuring device was not sensitive enough to determine the high rate fluctuation of the heating rates. Therefore, these computed oscillatory heating rates were also integrated and averaged in order to permit comparison with the flight data.

One assumption made in the text requires further justification; namely, the assumption that  $h/h_{gc}$  and  $q/q_{gc}$  are equivalent at any given station and instant of time.

Since reradiation was only of the order of 1 percent

$$q = h(T_{aw} - T_w)$$

$$\frac{q}{q_{gc}} = \frac{h}{h_{gc}} \left[ \frac{\left(T_{aw} - T_{w}\right)_{f}}{\left(T_{aw} - T_{w}\right)_{gc}} \right]$$

Since for the data range covered, the quantities  $(T_{aw} - T_w)_f$  and  $(T_{aw} - T_w)_{gc}$  were nearly equal in numerical value,

$$\left[\frac{\left(T_{\text{aw}} - T_{\text{w}}\right)_{\text{f}}}{\left(T_{\text{aw}} - T_{\text{w}}\right)_{\text{gc}}}\right] \approx 1$$

therefore,

$$\frac{q}{q_{gc}} \approx \frac{h}{h_{gc}}$$

Finally, although the thermal capacity of the wall and the sampling rates do, to a great extent, tend to average the time variation of the heating rates, some variation is measured. Since the data received are in the form of temperature time histories and since the range of temperature fluctuations was within the inherent scatter of the temperature data, there was no way of actually determining the sizes and shapes of these fluctuations from the data. Therefore, integrating and averaging of the data was introduced when the temperature data were faired.





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## TABLE I.- VELOCITY PACKAGE AND ADAPTOR WEIGHTS

Weights of fifth stage:	
Telemeter package, lb	50.60
Inconel cap, lb	8.48
Teflon nose cap with sensors, lb	14.27
Payload structure, lb	48.50
Motor support, lb	8.81
Ballast, lb	6.49
Motor at burnout, 1b	18.30
Total components weight, 1b	155.45
Propellant weight, lb	140.80
Loaded weight, lb	296,25
Weights of adaptor connecting fourth and fifth stages:	
Payload adaptor and separation device, lb	55.74
Attachment hardware, lb	0.13
Balance weight, lb	0.50
Total weight atop Scout, lb	352.62
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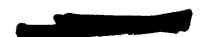




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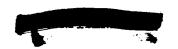
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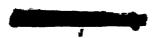


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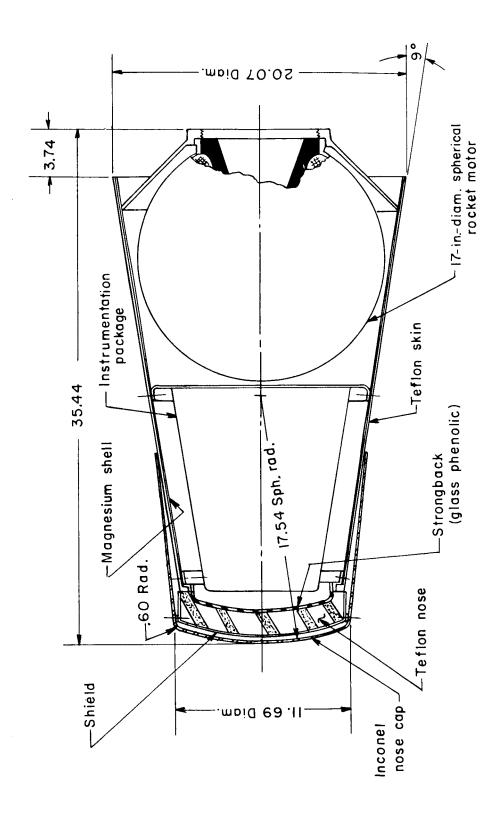


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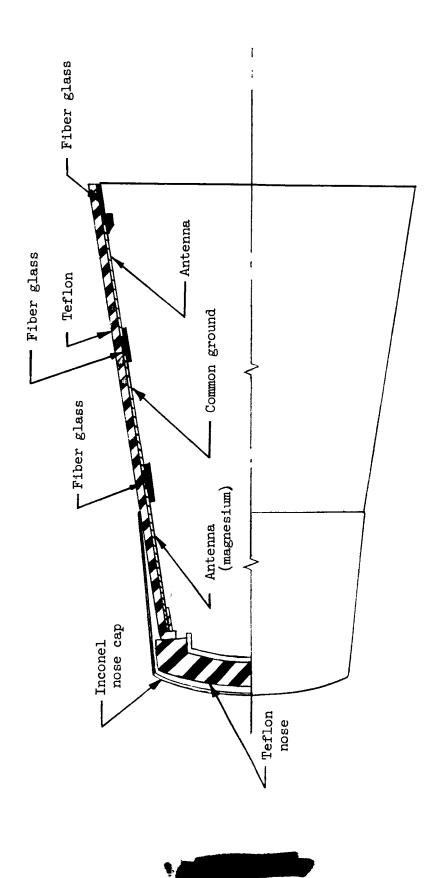
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411.054	541	416.474	533	422.104	702	427.940	1247
411.220	531	416.577	558	422.304	691	428.040	1247
411.420	532	416.870	548	422.400	690	428.334	1333
411.520	525	417.064	544	422.500	725	428.434	1311
411.620	530	417.164	543	422.600	733	428.534	1361
411.720	529	417.364	560	422.700	723	428.630	1385
411.814	530	417.460	552	422.800	728	428.924	1394
411.914	527	417.560	558	422,900	734	429.024	1441
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412.210	531	417.760	559 567 565	423.100	759 770 768	429.224	1498
412.410	545	417.854	567	423.190	770	429.420	1526
412.510	524	417.954	565	423.290	768	429.520	1538
412.610	522	418.054	549	423.390	785	429.620	1546
412.710	521	418.150	558	423.490	<b>7</b> 92	429.714	1561
413.004	531	418.350	574	423.590	787	429.814	1574
413.104	526	418.450	577	423.690	776	430.014	1644
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413.404	528	418.844	572	423.984	799 819	430.310	1701
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413.600	539	419.240	580	424.180	5578	430.604	1764
413.700	528	419.340	587	424.284	825	430.704	1770
413.800	546	419.440	574	424.480	854	430.804	1810
413.900	530	419.634	601	424.580	857	430.904	1855
414.000	543	419.734		424.674	875	431.004	1857
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414.494	533	420.130	592	425.170	901	431.394	1945
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(a) Configuration. All dimensions are in inches.

Figure 1.- Velocity package.

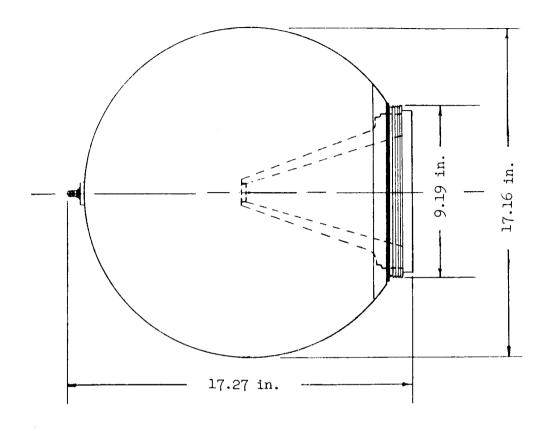




(b) Antenna arrangement.

Figure 1.- Concluded.





Dimensions	Weights	Performance				
Wall thickness, in 0.03 Throat diameter, in 1.10 Exit diameter, in 6.02	Liner and insulation, lb 3.60 Nozzle, lb 5.29 Snap ring, lb 0.13 Igniter, lb 0.47 Propellant, lb 139.6	pressure, lb/sq in 500 Average thrust, lb 860				

Figure 2.- Cetus-I characteristics.

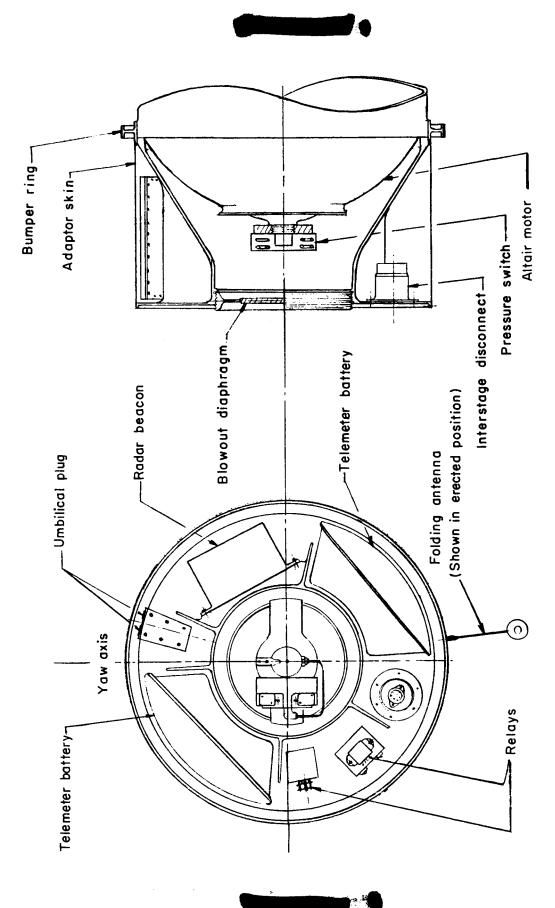


Figure 3.- Adaptor connecting fourth and fifth stages.

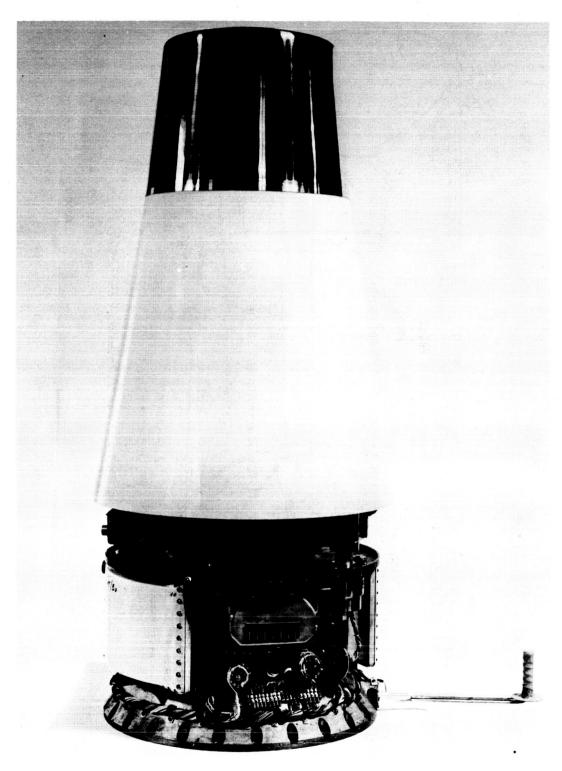


Figure 4.- Velocity package and adaptor. L-62-925



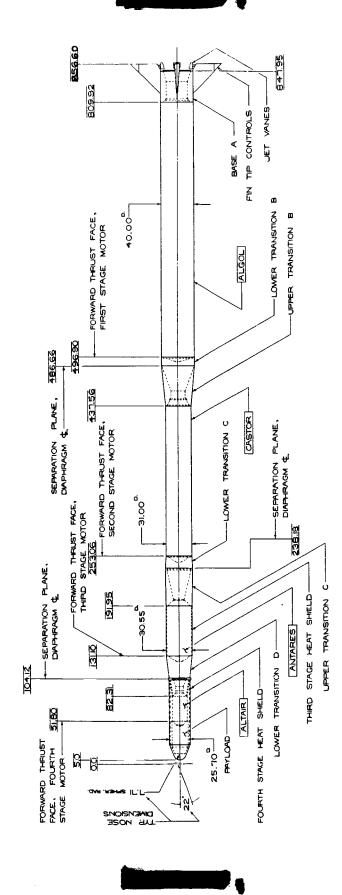


Figure 5.- Scout configuration. All dimensions are in inches.

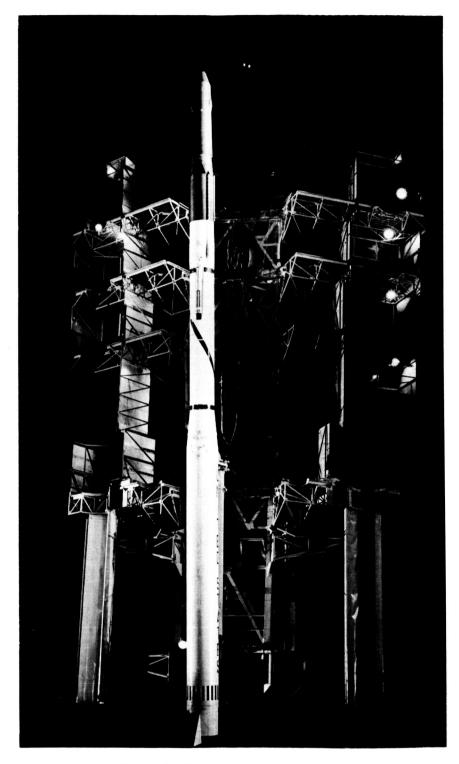


Figure 6.- Vehicle prior to launch.

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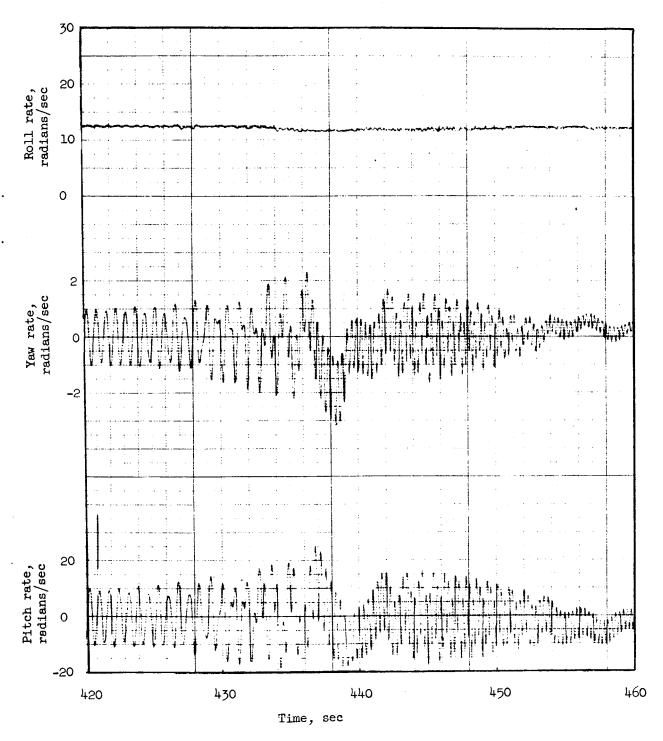
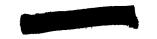
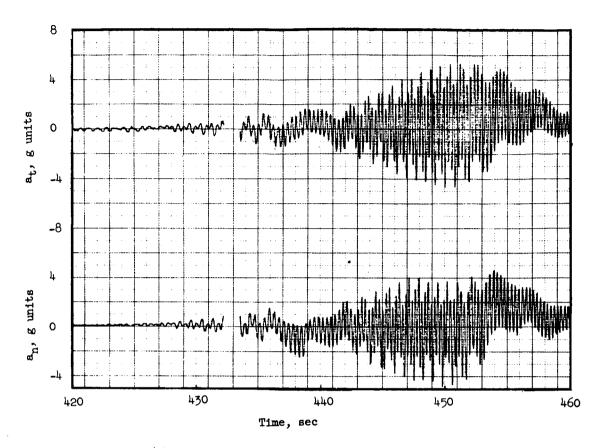


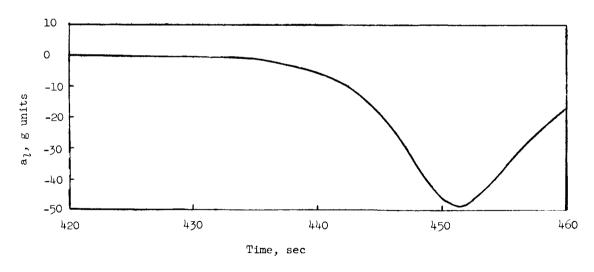
Figure 7.- Time histories measured by rate gyros.





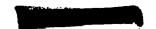


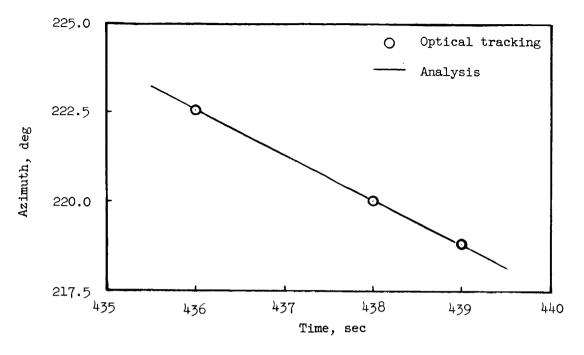
(a) Normal and transverse accelerometer time histories.



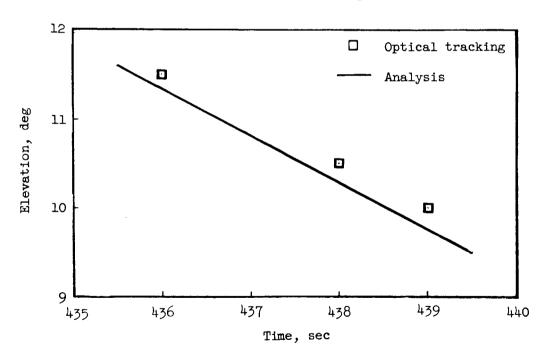
(b) Longitudinal accelerometer time history.

Figure 8.- Time histories of linear accelerometers.



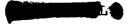


(a) Azimuth as a function of flight time.



(b) Elevation as a function of flight time.

Figure 9.- Comparison of optical tracking measurements with dynamic trajectory analysis.



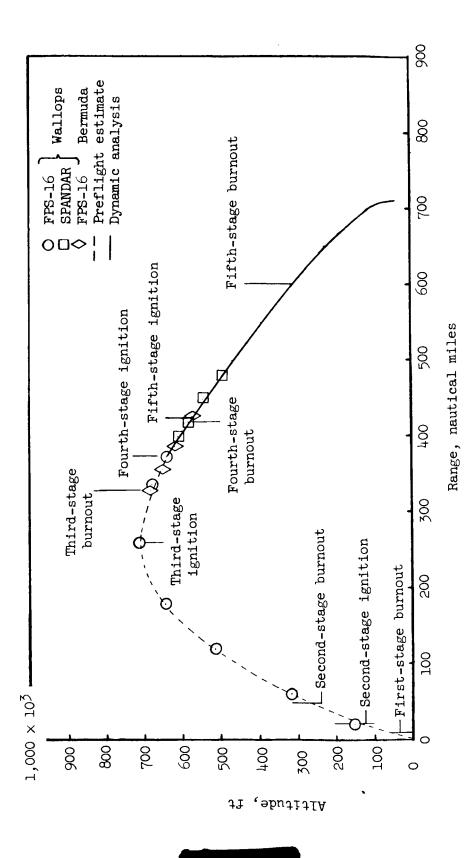


Figure 10.- Altitude-range trajectory.

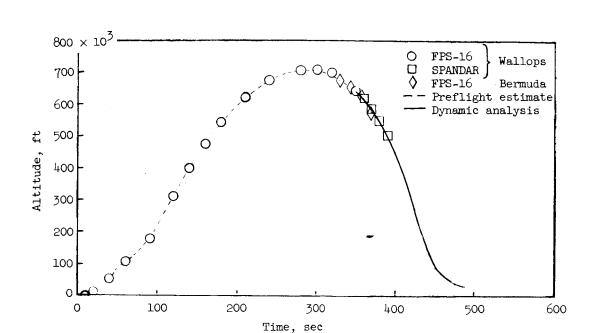


Figure 11.- Altitude-time trajectory.

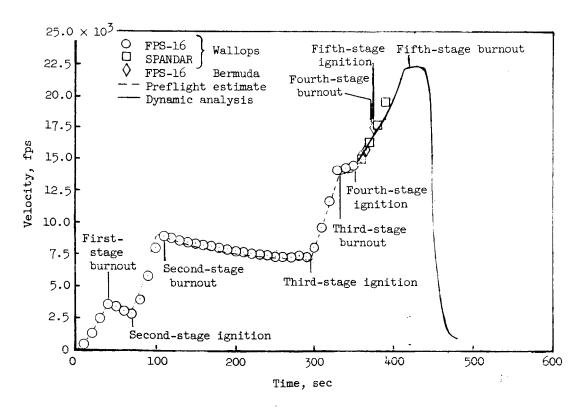


Figure 12.- Velocity-time trajectory.



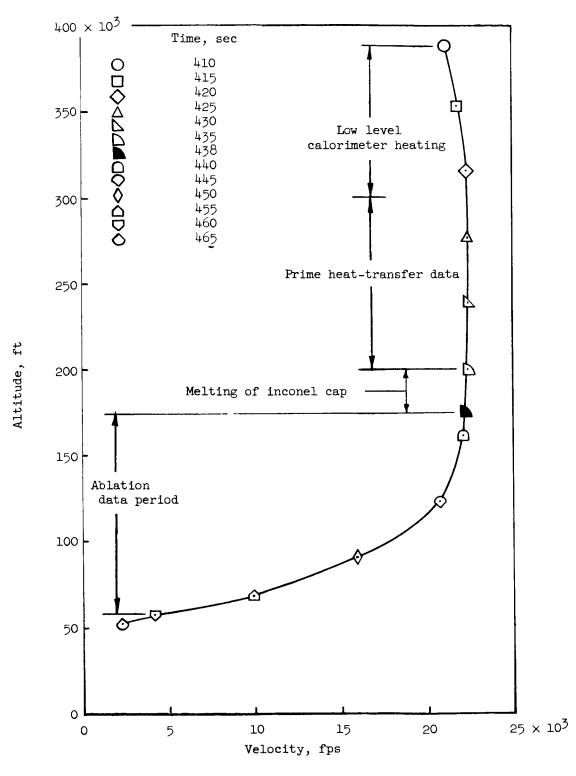


Figure 13.- Variation of flight test altitude with velocity.

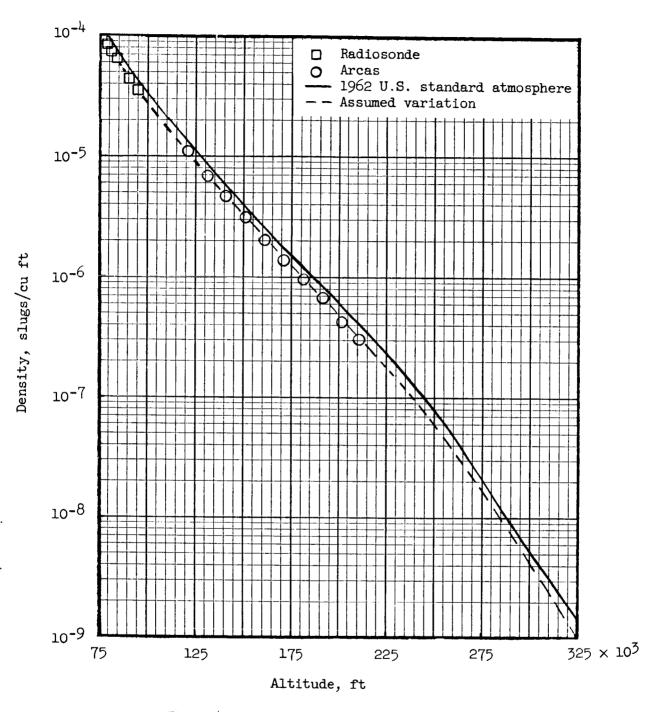


Figure 14.- Variation of flight test density with altitude.

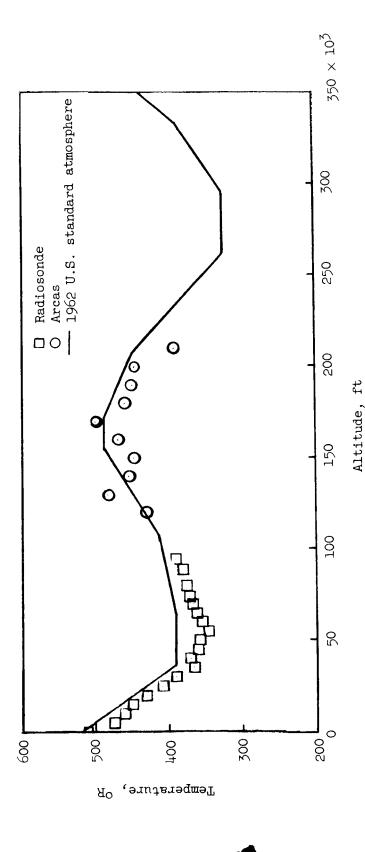
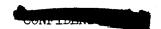


Figure 15.- Variation of flight test temperature with altitude.



Inconel	thickness,	0.029	.029	.029	.055	.050	.050	.055	.058	.058	.058	.058	.058	.056	640.	.052	.029	.029	.029	.029
	$^{ m s/r_n}$	2.1324	1.4411	1.2436	.9834	4446.	.8250	.5827	.3470	.1163	0	.2327	.4703	ή†0Z·	4446.	.9834	1.3423	1.7374	2.1324	2.5275
	Location	Afterbody	Afterbody	Afterbody	Corner	Corner	Front face	Corner	Corner	Afterbody	Afterbody	Afterbody	Afterbody							
	hermocouple	7	Q	8	.4	ſΩ	9	7	ထ	σ	10	*11	*12	15	<sup>†</sup> 1	15	*16	17	*18	19

\*Inoperative thermocouples.

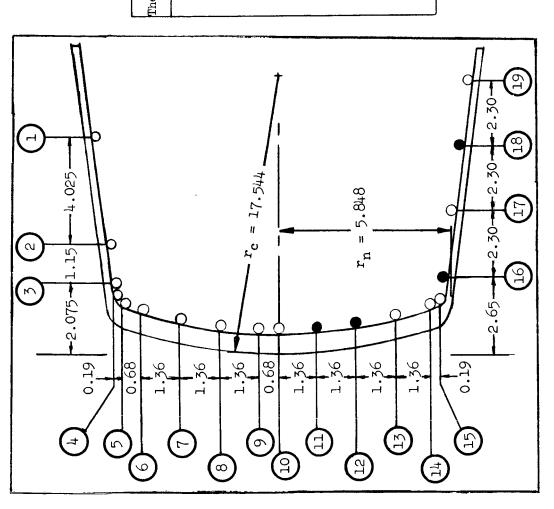
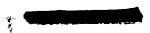


Figure 16.- Incomel calorimeter thermocouple locations and wall thicknesses. All dimensions are in inches.



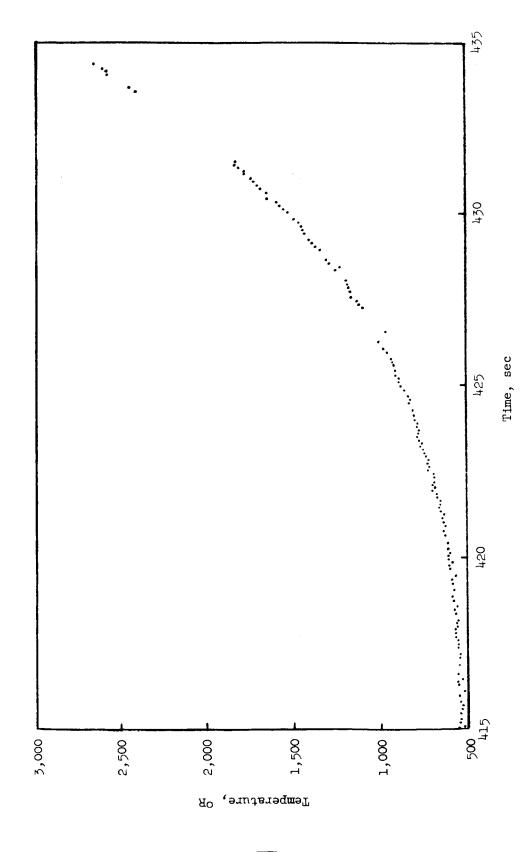
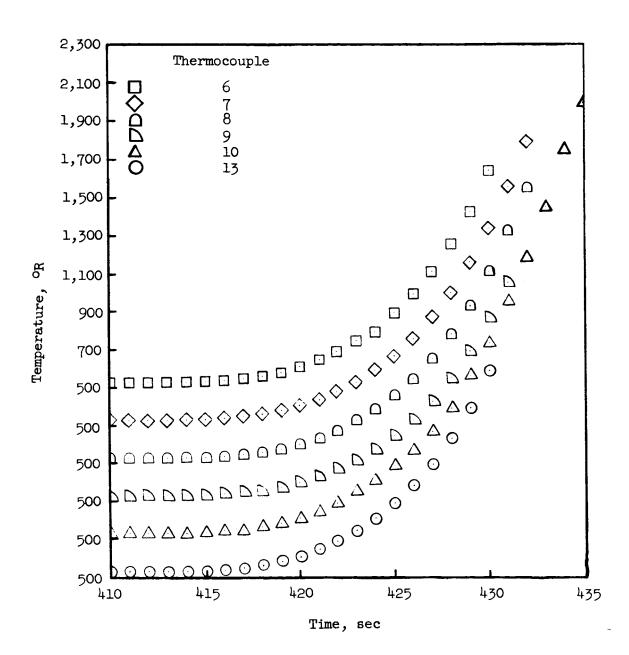
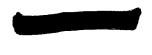


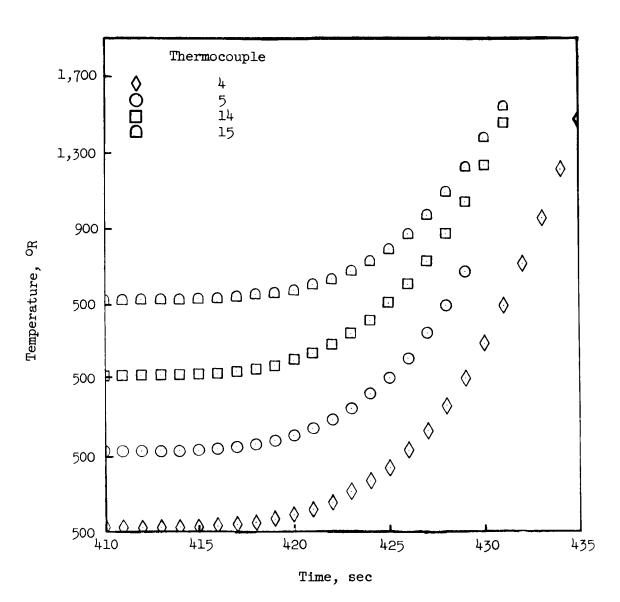
Figure 17.- Typical measured inside surface temperature time history. Thermocouple 10.



(a) Nose face locations.

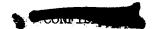
Figure 18.- Computed outside surface temperature histories.

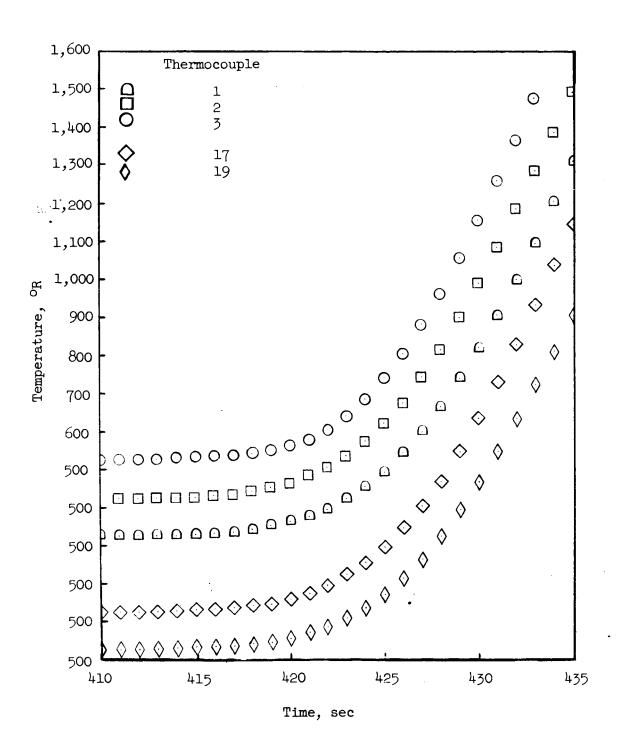




(b) Corner locations.

Figure 18.- Continued.

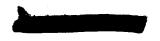




(c) Forebody locations.

Figure 18.- Concluded.





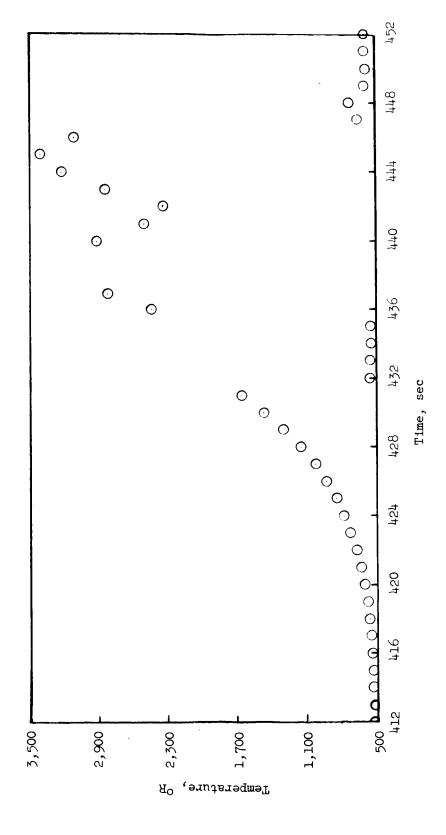


Figure 19.- Anomaly effect in thermocouple measurements. Thermocouple 7.



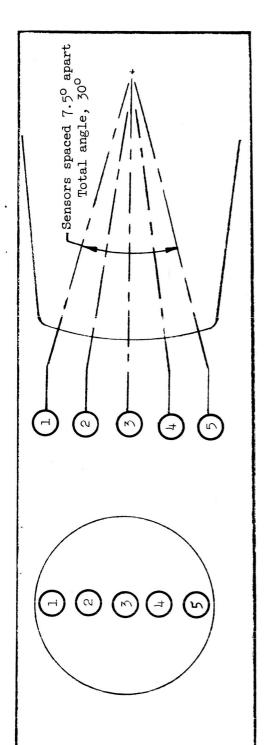
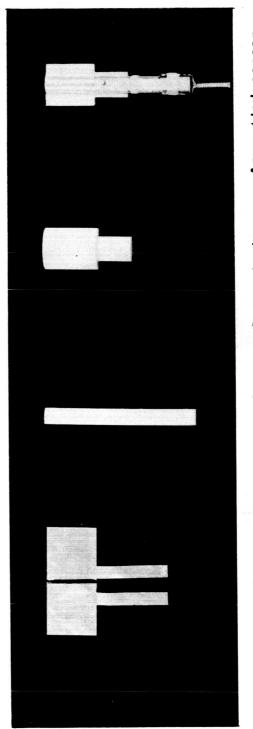


Figure 20. - Ablation sensor locations.



Condenser rod Condenser plates

Sensor body

Assembled sensor (cutaway)

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Figure 21.- Ablation sensor components.



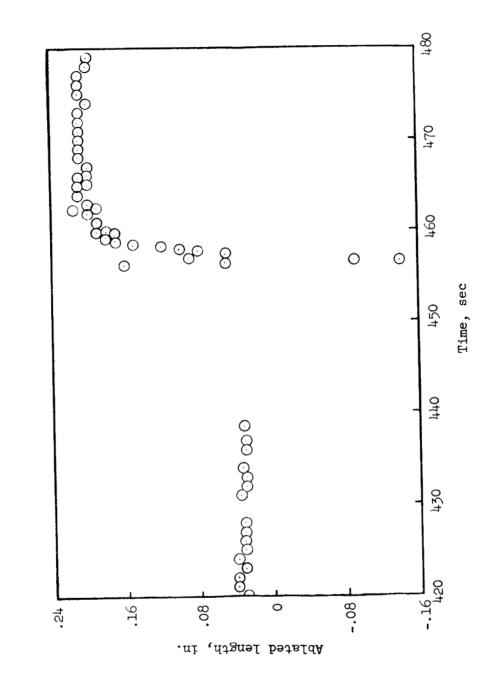


Figure 22.- Typical ablation sensor measurements.



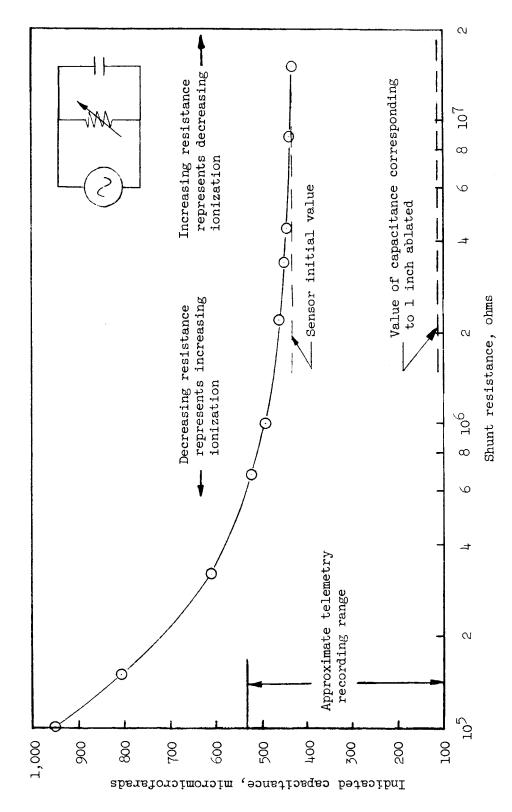
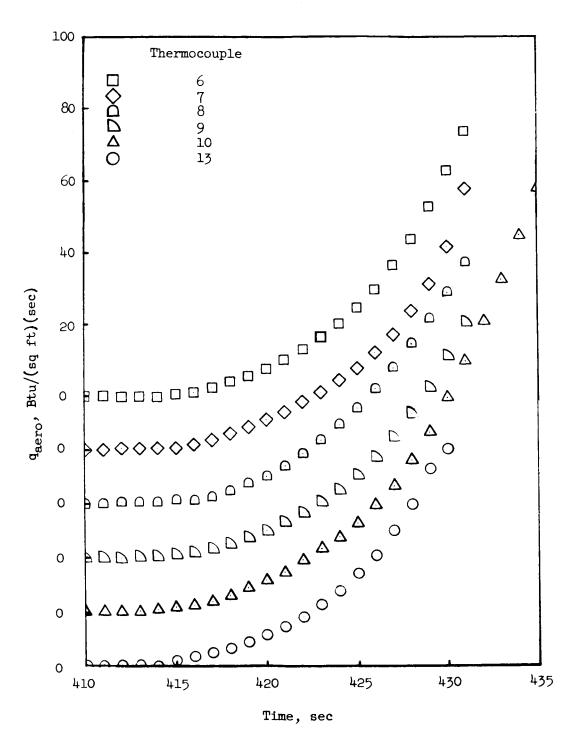


Figure 23.- Ablation sensor circuit test results.

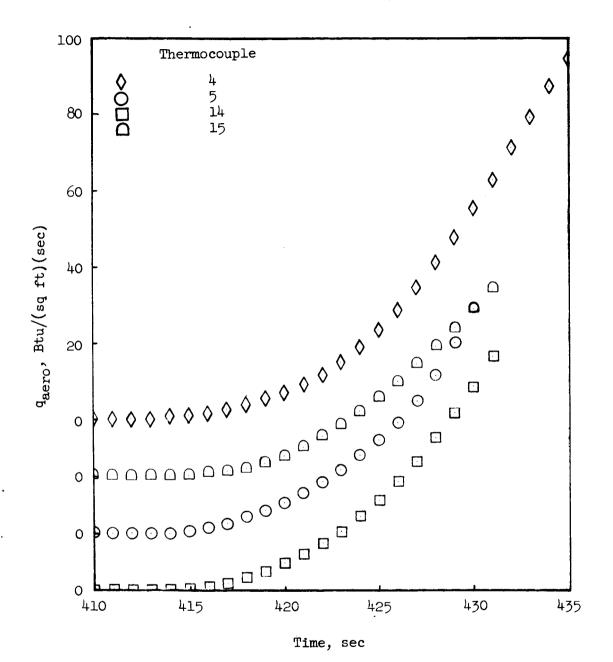




(a) Nose face locations.

Figure 24.- Flight test convective heating rate time histories.



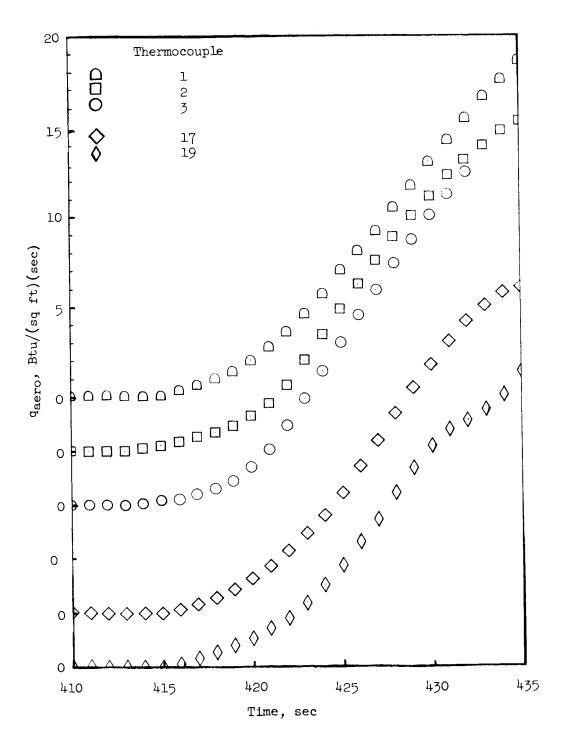


(b) Corner locations.

Figure 24. - Continued.







(c) Forebody locations

Figure 24.- Concluded.

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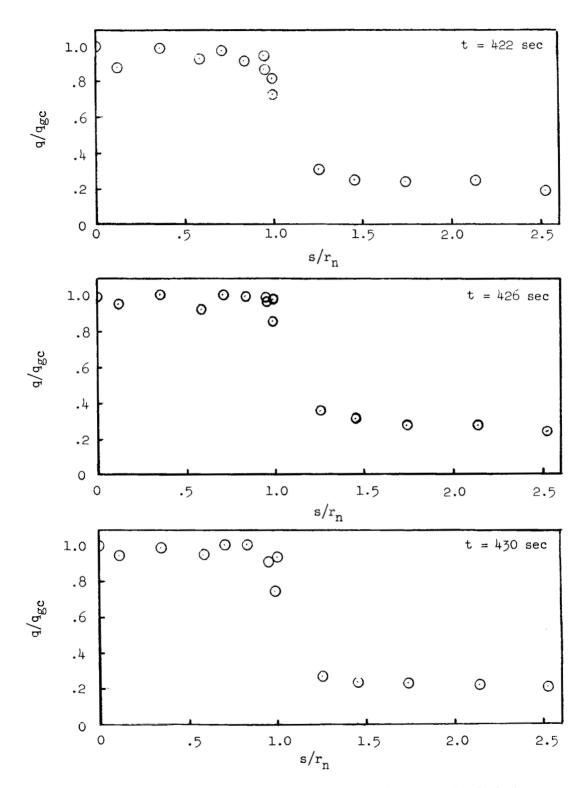


Figure 25.- Distribution of heating rates along incomel calorimeter.



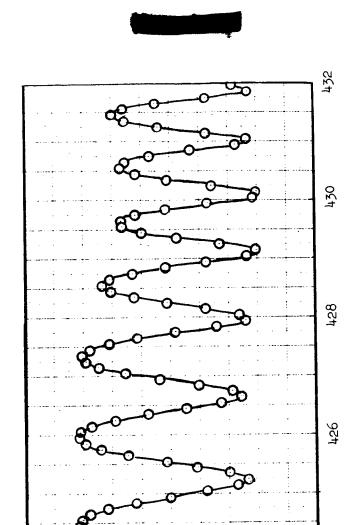


Figure 26.- Time history of angle of attack for flight payload.

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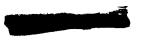
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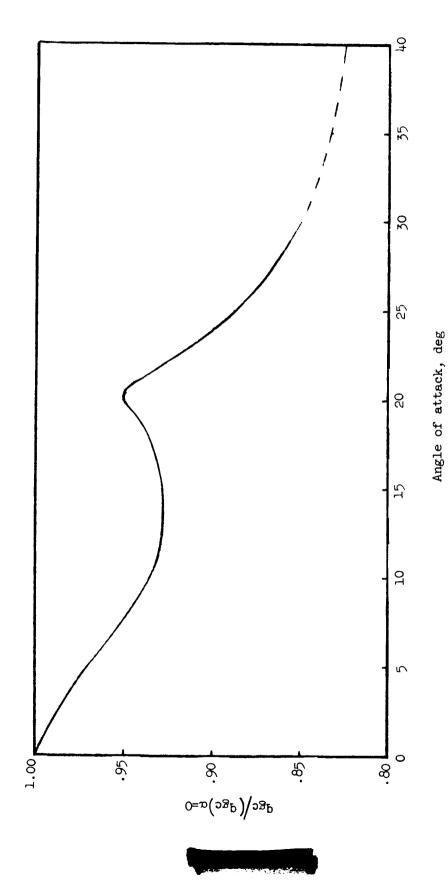
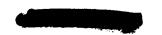


Figure 27.- Variation of nose heating with angle of attack.



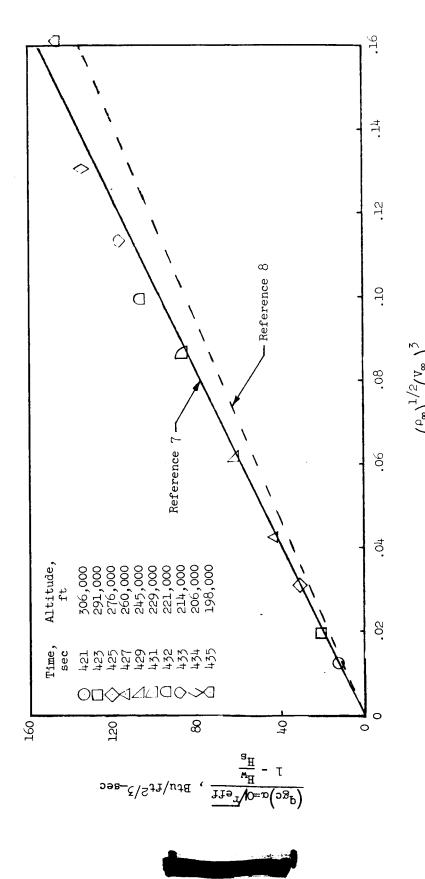


Figure 28.- Variation of aerodynamic stagnation point heating with density and velocity.



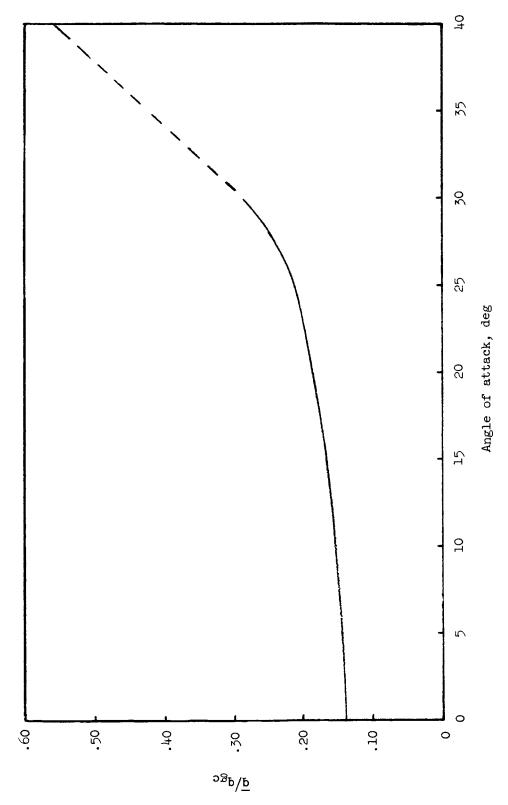


Figure 29.- Effect of angle of attack on average heat-transfer rate.  $s/r_{\rm h}$  = 2.1.

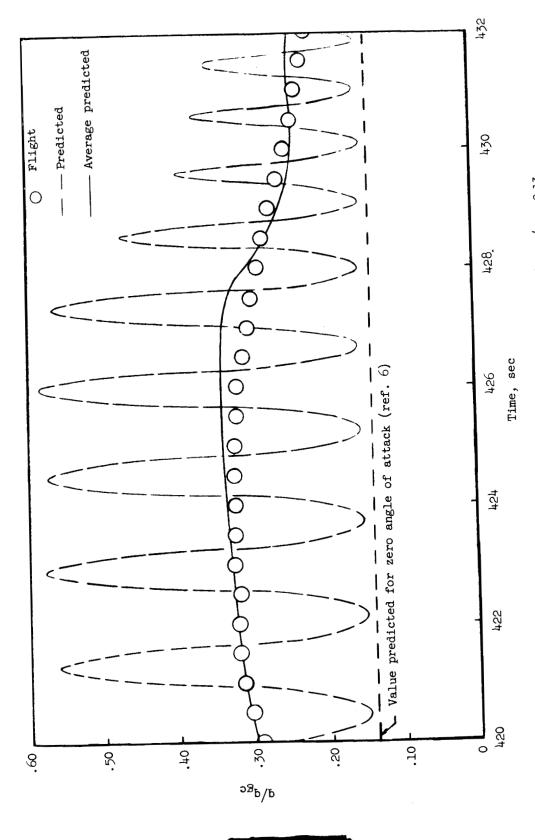


Figure 30.- Time history of forebody heating at location  $s/r_{\rm n}$  = 2.13.



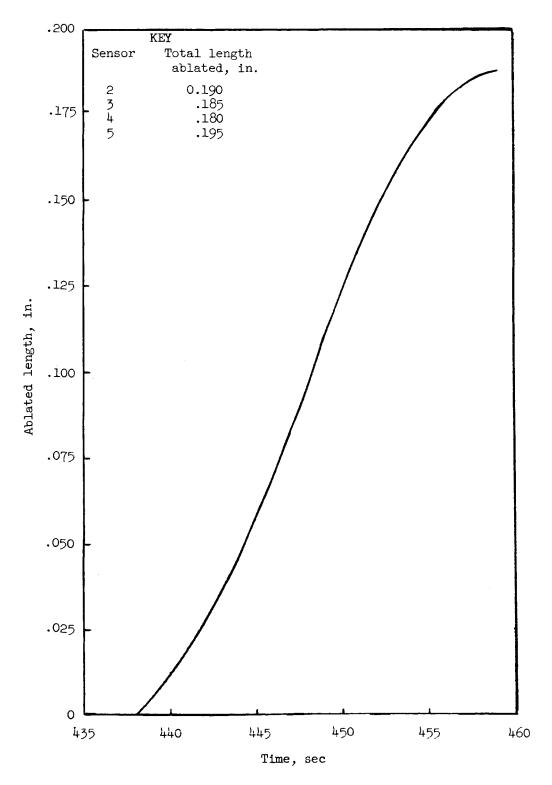
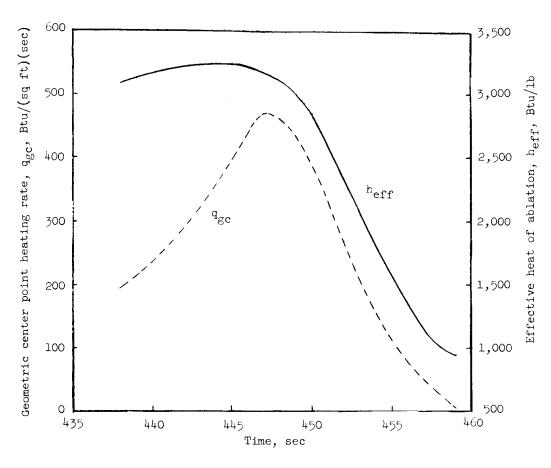
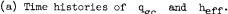


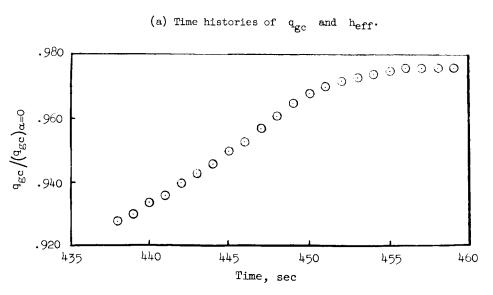
Figure 31.- Computed Teflon ablation variation with flight time for the geometric center point.





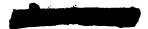




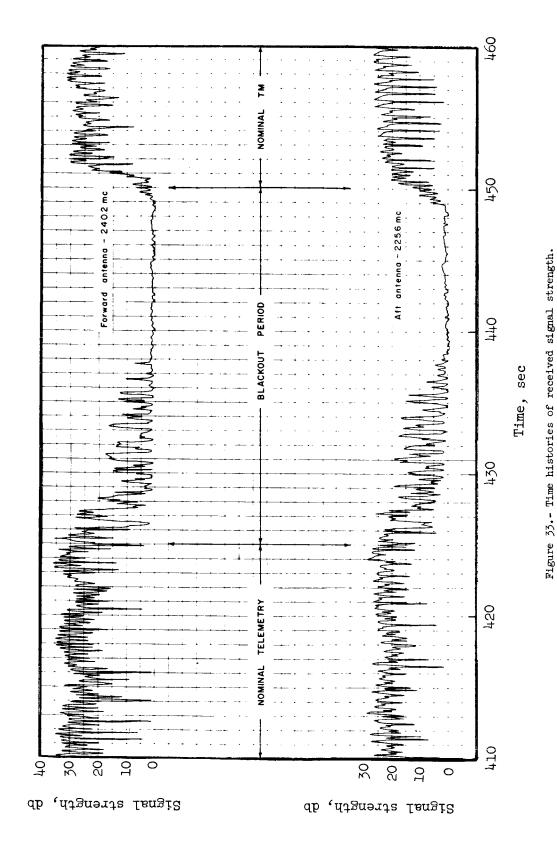


(b) Time history of  $q_{gc}/(q_{gc})_{\alpha=0}$ .

Figure 32.- Time histories of parameters used in ablation analysis.









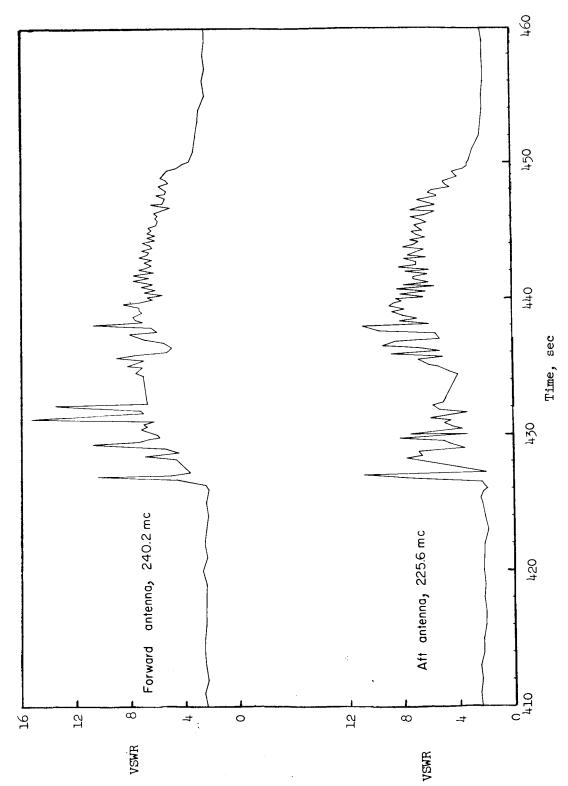


Figure 34.- Time histories of VSWR for the payload antennas.